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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages targeted to be provided with telephone connections during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of villages provided with telephone connections during this period, State-wise;

(c) the total amount spent by the Government thereon;

(d) the number of villages in Maharashtra where telephone connections are yet to be provided; and

(e) the time by which these villages are likely to be provided telephone connections?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Original target for providing Village Public Telephone during the Ninth Five Year Plan was 239000 numbers. Revised target of 278866 numbers Village Public Telephone (VPT's) were fixed for Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) Information is being collected and will be supplied later on.

(c) Rs. 652.66 crores have been spent by the Government for provision of the Village Public Telephone from 1997 to September 2000.The expenditure on Village Public Telephone from October 2000 to March 2002 is being collected and will be supplied later on.

(d) 10926 nos. of villages in Maharashtra are yet to be provides with telephone connections.

(e) By end of year 2002.